

# City Population Put at 108,506 by County Planners

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# BANDITS GRAB \$250 FROM CLERK

## A Penny for your Thoughts

Do you think individuals should be permitted to sue the state, city or county governments? The Pennies photographer asked downtown Torrance shoppers.

Mrs. Robert Allmon, 21200 Broadwell Ave.

"Naturally, I think lawsuits should be allowed if the individuals have a good case. I don't think governmental bodies should be immune."

Mrs. Charles E. Baker, 1962 W. 222nd St.

"No, I don't think so. In so many cases individuals don't know what they're talking about. It is a case of a person being confronted with

reason to bring suit before knowing whether he actually would or not."

Mrs. L. D. Kersey, 1522 W. 222nd St.

"I don't think it's a good idea myself. A lot of people sue, even when they do not have good cause, if they think they can collect some money."

Bill Pierce, Los Angeles

"I figure if the person's reason behind the suit is good then he has a right to defend himself no matter who he sues. It's a question as to whether he is justified. He'll find this out in court."

Mrs. William Brill, 1637 Carbrillo Ave.

"I think lawsuits against governmental bodies should be allowed. However, I do not think individuals should sue unless they feel they are justified."

## Groundbreaking Slated Today

Civic officials, the clergy, religious organizations, and the general public will join with the Daughters of Mary and Joseph Sunday at 2 p.m. for the groundbreaking at the site of their retreat-center for married and engaged couples. Ceremonies, to be witnessed by more than 2,000 guests, will be held on the hilltop site of the facility, located at Crest Road and Crenshaw Boulevard in Palos Verdes Estates. This event marks the beginning of a second of a multi-phase program, which began with a novitiate for nuns and postulants opened last June.

## Probation Building Approved

County supervisors have approved plans for the Torrance Probation Department building which will be located in the civic center and cost an estimated \$382,487.

Plans call for construction of a five-section area office consisting of a director's office, offices for five senior deputy probation officers and 50 deputy probation officers. Also to be provided will be waiting rooms and staff conference rooms.

The building will have concrete pile foundation, reinforced concrete floors, masonry exterior walls, wood stud and plastered interior partitions. Parking will be provided in the existing parking area adjacent to the Municipal Court building.

Architects are Harold Johnson and Lindsey and Lindsey.

## City Gets Near Goal For Chest

The 1961-62 Community Chest campaign in Torrance now stands at \$18,946 or 74.18 per cent of its \$25,541 goal, according to Fred Mill, Harbor Area chairman.

"Chest volunteers throughout the area are working hard," Mill said, "but they must work harder to ensure that every citizen has been asked to give. It's the only way that we can reach our goal."

THE LATEST report shows that the Harbor Area has reached \$64,604 or 64.14 of its goal. Overall goal set for the area is \$100,770.

Standings of neighboring cities are: Harbor City-Lomita, 137.79 per cent; Palos Verdes, 72.52; Wilmington, 61.27; Gardena, 58.30; San Pedro, 56.96; Rolling Hills, 37.07.

## Motorist Steps Out for Look: Drops 30 Feet

That first step was a looong one, William Schaff, 44, of Torrance, decided early yesterday.

The North Torrance man, who resides at 4304 W. 180th St., drove his car through a construction barricade at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue.

He looked around in the dark, couldn't see clearly what he had got into, so he stepped out to look.

That's where he made a 30-foot mistake, he told county firemen. It was nearly an hour later that they were able to lift him out of a 30-foot ditch into which he had stepped when he left his car, which was perched precariously astraddle the ditch.

He was treated at Gardena Hospital for minor bruises.



CHECK FIRE AREA . . . Making notes on burned residence in the Bel-Air area are two members of the Torrance branch Red Cross board along with the Southern Regional manager, Victor Davenport. Among the group of

Red Cross leaders taken on a tour of the disaster area to be briefed on advance planning necessary were Mrs. John Bennett (center), 3625 W. 172nd St., and Mrs. Frank Pagac, 1528 Post Ave., branch treasurer.

## Parks Closed Thanksgiving

The Torrance Recreation Dept. announces its Thanksgiving holiday schedule.

The parks will not be supervised on Thanksgiving Day but will be staffed Friday, and Saturday, on the following schedule:

El Nido, El Retiro, Paradise, Sea Aire and Torrance will open at 9 a.m.; Waleria and McMaster Parks will be staffed 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. La Romeria Park will be staffed 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25.

## City Still Fifth With Population of 108,506

Torrance is ranked as the county's fifth largest city in population with 108,506 residents, still trailing Pasadena, according to the latest figures released by the Regional Planning Commission.

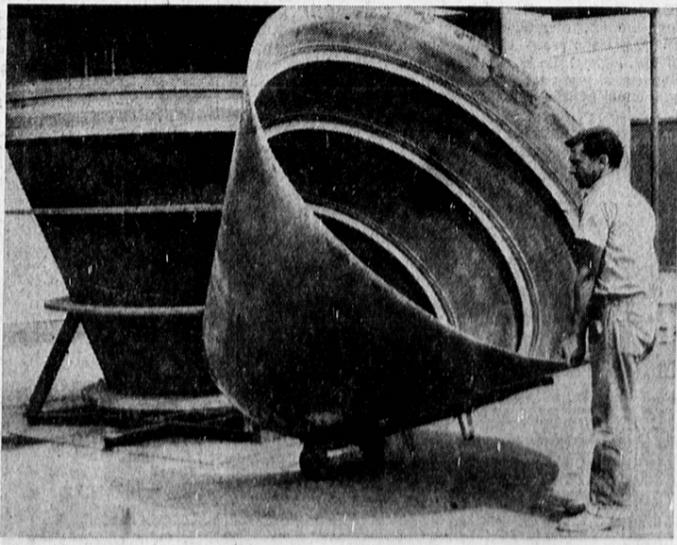
Pasadena has 118,729 residents while the third leading city, Glendale, has 122,560. Long Beach is second with 350,523 and Los Angeles first with 2,561,674.

In April of last year Torrance had a population of 100,991. Dwelling units in the city totaled 30,814 last month

compared with 28,704 in April of last year.

COUNTYWIDE, the population rose to a new high of 6,291,988 as of the first of last month. This represents an increase of 121,451 during the first nine months of this year and 252,154 since the April 1960 U.S. census.

Population of the county's 72 cities as of Oct. 1 totaled 5,213,710 and the unincorporated area 1,078,278. Trailing Torrance is Burbank, Norwalk, Downey, Santa Monica,



SPACE PROJECT . . . Kerr Products division of Space Equipment Corp. of Torrance has completed successful fabrication of huge cones for the Army's communications repeater satellite. Here a workman shows size of the product, which was built up with fiberglass cloth and epoxy adhesives. (See Story on Page 3)

## Gunmen Take Cash in Noon Holdup Here

Two masked gunmen Friday afternoon robbed the Southern California Gas Co. in downtown Torrance of \$250 making it the second time within the past year the establishment has been held up.

Clerk Mary E. Lux told police the two men came in the front door and held handkerchiefs to their faces. One came to the counter on the pretense of transacting business while the other looked at a map on the wall.

The man at the counter brought a pistol up above the counter where the clerk could see it and said:

"Everything will be alright. Just give us everything."

Both suspects then went behind the counter where they scooped about \$150 from a cash drawer.

The clerk then opened the safe when ordered to and gave the suspects a package containing \$100. When told to "get down on the floor" the clerk suggested letting her go into a back room. Upon arriving in the back room the clerk said she ran into a bathroom, closed and locked the door behind her.

Both suspects left by a rear door. The victim said she heard a vehicle drive away from the rear of the establishment at 1340 Post Ave.

## Board to Consider Boundary

A second look at the attendance boundary between Calle Mayor and Seaside schools has been scheduled for the Board of Education meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30. The board also will consider bids for maintaining heating equipment in the schools, submitted after the board declined to approve employment of a full-time man for the maintenance.

The boundary between the two southwest Torrance schools will be considered in an effort to equalize the attendance between the two schools, and in light of requests submitted to the board last week by parents on Reese Road who asked to be placed in the Seaside area instead of Calle Mayor.

Consideration of the bids to be received for maintaining the district's heating equipment is the result of the boards opposition to recommendations that the district employ a man for the task.

Twice the board has declined to concur with such a recommendation from the administration, and the second time ordered the calling of bids for contract maintenance.

## Union Rites Thursday at City Church

The Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will deliver the message "Where Are You Going?" at the annual union Thanksgiving Day services at the First Methodist Church Thursday morning at 9.

Sponsored by the Torrance Ministerial Assn., the services are open to the public of all faiths, according to the Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, pastor of the host church.

Other ministers participating in the service Thursday will include the Rev. Mr. Zimmerman, the Rev. David Beadles of the Waleria Community Methodist Church, and the Rev. William K. Schatz of the Seaside Community, United Church of Christ.

The girls' glee club of Torrance High School will sing special athenms during the service. The church is located at Carson Street and El Prado, near Torrance High School.

## City Gets Funds From State ABC

Torrance has received \$22,851 as its six-month share of the annual fees and payments paid by holders of alcoholic beverage licenses, it was reported yesterday.

This money was returned to the city by the department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and is part of the \$1,519,441 returned to Los Angeles County, the report said.

## Explosion Hurts Factory Worker

Clarence Cope, 43, of 22330 1/2 S. Harvey Blvd., suffered an injury to his hand Thursday morning when an air compressor he was working on exploded at the Carma Manufacturing Co., 1879 Mullin Ave. He was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

## Meeting Delayed

A Torrance Airport Commission meeting scheduled for Thanksgiving Day has been adjourned to Dec. 14, according to Joe M. Doss, commission president.

## Data on Engine

### Tests at City

Airport Manager Jack Egan has been requested by Commissioner Robert Herrick to submit a report on companies testing engines on the field and revenue received from testing. The request came at the last regular Airport Commission meeting. Herrick also suggested that companies testing engines be held liable for any resulting damage to airplanes on the field, such as oil spattering and pit marks.

## Polio Clinic Set

A polio and tetanus clinic will be conducted Tuesday evening from 6 to 8:30 at the Yukon Elementary School cafeteria, 17815 Yukon Ave. A fee of \$1 will be charged for each inoculation with a \$5 maximum in effect for each family.

## Thief Takes Tools

Max L. Achtermann of 21709 Ocean Ave. reported to police the theft of \$100 in electrical tools from his garage. The theft occurred sometime between Monday and Friday, he said.

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